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SRI K. KUNHI MOHAMED SHAFEE : There may be some training centre for imparting instructions about traffic rules to the drivers and the conductors and there may also be some centre for conducting refresher courses for them in each year or in every two years. May I know whether there is any such centre in the district of Malabar and, if so, where it is?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN : I would like to have notice.

Construction of a concrete bridge across the Kavvai river in North Malabar

* 216 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received a resolution passed at a public meeting held under the presidentship of Mr. P. Krishnan, Subdivisional Officer, Payyanur, in June 1956, requesting them to include the construction of a concrete bridge across the river Kavvai in Payyanur firka, North Malabar, in the Second Five-Year Plan; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI : (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) The petition was sent to the Chief Engineer (Highways). The Chief Engineer has reported that the work is not included in the Second Five-Year Plan.

SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Sir, if the scheme has not been included in the Second Five-Year Plan, may I know whether the project will be completed by any other means?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI : Sir, the project mentioned here is in a panchayat area. The panchayat must take interest in the construction of the bridge. The Government have nothing to do, but if the panchayat sends in an application, the Government will consider it.

SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Sir, are the Government aware that the Panchayat Board has also sent representation to the Government and what steps have the Government taken on the resolution sent by the panchayat?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI : The Government have not received any resolution from the panchayat.

Construction of a naval base at Tuticorin

* 217 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether the Government have made any representation to the Centre for the construction of a naval base in the name of Chidambaram Pillai at Tuticorin under the Second Five-Year Plan?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : No, Sir.

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Sri N. K. PALANISAMY : Sir, if it is not possible to construct a naval base, will this Government press the Central Government to erect at least a huge monument on the shores of Tuticorin in the name of Sri Chidambaram Pillai?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM : Sir, the question relates to the construction of a naval base. Evidently, the hon. Member may be aware that a naval base is quite different from a harbour. There are no facilities in Tuticorin for the construction of a naval base, but I may inform the hon. Member that in the course of the investigation with regard to the Sivasamudram Project, a suggestion has been made that in the Palk Strait basin it may be possible to construct a naval base, but that is still in the suggestion stage only. It has not been completely investigated. When an investigation is made, perhaps a naval base may come into existence. But if the hon. Member wants some monument in the name of Sri V. O. Chidambaram Pillai, a separate question may be put.

Sri S. THINAKARASAMY THEVAR : May I know whether the Government will come forward to give the topmost priority during the Second Five-Year Plan for the construction of a naval base in Tuticorin, as it is the most prominent and ancient port in Tamil Nad?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM : I have already stated that in Tuticorin itself there are no facilities for constructing a naval base. The only question is with regard to the extension of the harbour facilities available there. That is under the consideration of the Government of India.

Sri P. SELVARAJ : Are the Government aware of the fact that at a meeting of the Planning Committee, a resolution was passed by the Members of the Tirunelveli district that a naval base must be constructed or at least naval training must be imparted to boys of tender age? May I know whether it has been communicated to the Government?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM : I would suggest to the hon. Member to put a separate question.

Sri S. PANCHAKSHARAM : Sir, have the Government any idea about the steamship which was named in memory of this great patriot? What has become of that ship?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM : That is an old story. That has been auctioned.

Sri V. BALAKRISHNAN : Sir, cannot at least the name of Tuticorin be changed as " Chidambaram Pillai port " ?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM : I am afraid that all these suggestions cannot arise as a supplementary question.

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MR. SPEAKER: Questions 218 and 219 will be taken up together.

Gosadans

9-50 a.m. * 218 *Q*.—SRI K. MADHAVAN NAMBIAR (on behalf of Sri V. R. Krishna Ayyar) Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many Gosadans are now run—

(i) by Government,

(ii) by non-governmental agencies in Madras State; and

(*b*) the concrete aid given or proposed to be given to these institutions?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: (*a*) (i) There are at present no Gosadans run by Government in this State.

(ii) There are five Gosadans in this State run by private institutions. One of these Gosadans is run by the Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, Tellicherry as an attache to its salvage farm at Ayithra village about 13 miles from Tellicherry.

(*b*) No Government aid is being given at present to private Gosadans. There is at present no provision in the Second Five-Year Plan for the establishment of Gosadans in this State either by Government or by private institutions.

* 219 *Q*.—SRI K. MADHAVAN NAMBIAR (on behalf of Sri V. R. Krishna Ayyar): Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have issued any orders to give aid under the Second Five-Year Plan to any Goshala in Malabar; and

(*b*) if so, the extent of the aid and the name of the institution?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: (*a*) The answer is in the negative.

(*b*) Does not arise.

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR: In Andur village in Mankattuparamba in the Taliparamba National Extension Service area, vast extents of grazing lands are available. The neighbouring villages also are agricultural villages and there are facilities for running Gosadans in Mankattuparamba. Will the Government encourage the opening of a Gosadan there by giving financial aid and by leasing Government land for the construction of cattle-shed and the other buildings required for a Gosadan?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: Government have recently sanctioned a scheme for the development of a Goshala under the Second Five-Year Plan in Madras State. Under this, a